

July 10, 2014

EQC Meeting

The Licensing and Funding Advisory Council recommendations would generate enough revenue to maintain current fish and wildlife management programs (\$5.75m in new general license revenue) plus an additional \$500k for emergency funding to address unanticipated mandates. The EQC requested that FWP identify some options for adjusting the advisory council's recommendations in order to eliminate the \$500k of emergency funding.

FWP identified two potential means of accomplishing this objective to reduce the amount of revenue generated to \$5.75m. Staff is prepared to develop additional options if requested.

- **Grandfather in seniors who are already eligible for free licenses.**

**Fiscal impact:** This option would reduce the revenue estimate to \$5.5m the first year – \$250,000 below the \$5.75m target. Over the 5-year phase-in period, however, FWP would gradually generate more revenue as more seniors meet the proposed 67-year eligibility requirement for half-priced licenses.

- **Reduce the proposed increases to resident and non-resident fishing licenses.**

**Fiscal impact:** Reducing all of the Council's proposed **resident** fishing licenses prices by \$1 each, combined with reducing **non-resident** 2-day fishing licenses by \$1 and **non-resident** season and 7-day fishing licenses by \$2, would lower the amount of revenue generated to \$5.76m.